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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT BY NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION TO
BOLIVIA.

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1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD UNDERTAKE APPROACH
TO GOB ON BASIS OF ROK AMBASSADOR'S RATHER VAGUE INFORM-
ATION ON POSSIBLE VISIT OF NORTH KOREAN OFFICIALS.
HOWEVER, IF APPROPRIATE OCCASION ARISES TO DISCUSS
POSSIBILITY OF BOLIVIAN RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA,
EMBASSY SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING POSITION.

2. USG UNDERSTANDY DESIRE OF MANY COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH
RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA UNDER PRINCIPLE OF UNIVER-
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SALITY. MOREOVER, WE RECOGNIZE THAT IN LONG RUN IT WILL

BE BENEFICIAL TO BRING NORTH KOREA INTO MORE REASONABLE
ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING FULL MEMBER-
SHIP IN UNGA ALONG WITH ROK, AS ROK HAS PROPOSED (BUT
NORTH OPPOSES). HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT EVEN-HANDED
TREATMENT OF TWO KOREAN PARTIES BY INTERNATIONAL COMM-
UNITY IS ESSENTIAL TO CREATE CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO
STABILITY OF KOREAN PENINSULA AND RESOLUTION OF KOREAN
ISSUES BY KOREANS. ROKG HAS RECOGNIZED THIS NECESSITY

AND PRESIDENT PARK IN JUNE 1973#PUBLICLY EXPRESSED
INTENTION TO DEAL WITH ALL COUNTRIES ON BASIS OF EQUALITY
AND RECIPROCITY.

3. IN CONTRAST, HOWEVER,NK HAS ACTIVELY SOUGHT TO
RESTRICT ACTION BY HER FRIENDS AND ALLIES TOWARD
DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH THE ROK, AS RESULT OF WHICH
SUBSEQUENT MOVEMENT HAS BEEN TOWARD RECOGNITION OF NORTH
WITH NO CORRESPONDING RECIPROCITY BY ALLIES OX NK.
ALTHOUGH APPROACHES BY FRIENDS OF ROKG HAVE BEEN MADE
TO BLOC COUNTRIES, NONE HAS YET AGREED TO RECOGNIZE THE
SOUTH. ACCORDINGLY, GOB COULD MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO
CONCEPT OF EQUAL TREATMENT BY ADOPTING POSITION THAT IT
WOULD BE PREPARED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH NORTH ONLY
AS PART OF PARALLEL MOVE BY FRIENDS OF NORTH TOWARD ROK.
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